decided to open some new coal mines in Bilaspur and Sarguja districts of Madhya Pradesh during the current financial year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the quantity of coal that is likely to be obtained from such coal mines every month and the number of jobs that are likely to be created therefrom;

(d) whether Government have done any survey about the availability of coal in Surguja district of the State; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Details are given below :

S. No.	Name of the mine	Annual targetted capacity (mtpa)	Monthly production on achieving capacity (in thousand tonnes)	Manpower provision (Nos.)
Bilaspur District				
1.	Dilwadih . . .	0.27	22.5	786
2.	Singhali . . .	0.24	20.0	840
Sarguja District				
3.	Pandavpara . . .	0.21	17.5	906
4.	Mahamaya . . .	0.27	22.5	1130
5.	Girijapur . . .	0.30	25.0	935

(d) and (e) According to the regional exploration carried out by Geological Survey of India (GSI) in Sarguja District (Madhya Pradesh) the total coal reserves established as on 1-1-1992 (down to a depth of 300 metres) is 1647.29 million tonnes.

Package for investment in coal sector

995. SHRI SHARAD MOHANTY : SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that German and Australian companies have been offered attractive package for investment in coal industry;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the Eighth Five Year Plan Production targets for the coal industry and expected shortfalls for matching financial resources;

(d) what is the budgetary support of the Central Government since last three years for coal sector; and

(e) what are the reasons for getting budgetary support and how long this would continue and what are the heads of account on which the support accrues ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) and (b) German and Australian assistance has been agreed to for implementation of several projects in coal sector.

In addition to the on-going projects with German assistance i.e. Chinakuri Underground (Eastern Coalfields Limited), Bina Coal Preparation Plant (Northern Coalfields Limited), Ramagundam OC-II (Singareni Collieries Company Limited), Neyveli-II and Neyveli-III Projects, several other coal projects viz. Kalinga coal preparation plant, Identification of old abandoned mines, characterisation of coking coal, subsidence and strata control, second Mine Expansion and First TPS Expansion of Neyveli, Safety Investigation Sys-

tem and modernisation of Briquetting and carbonisation Plant have been posed for German assistance during the last Indo-German Working Group meeting held during January, 1992.

Similarly demonstration of Wongawilli system of mining in No. 5 Incline of Singareni Collieries Company Limited, demonstration of fine coal washery in Moonidih Washery of Bharat Coking Coal Limited, and Piparwar Project of Central Coalfields Limited are under various stages of implementation with Australian assistance.

(c) The Country's Coal Production target for 1992-93 and 1996-97, the first year and the terminal year of the Eighth Five Year Plan respectively are as under :—

Year	Coal Production target (in million tonnes)
1992-93	238·20
1996-97	308·00

(d) and (c) The budgetary support of the Central Government to Coal Sector during the last three years was as under :—

(Rs. in crores)

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Major Head '4803'			
BB. Capital outlay on Coal and Lignite			
BB.1.—Investment in public Sector and other Undertakings.			
BB. 1(2)—Coal India Limited	452·00	480.00	277.00
BB. 1(3)—Singareni Collieries Company Limited . . .	11.00	11.00	26.00
Major Head '6803'			
CC—Loans for Coal and Lignite			
CC. 1—Loans to public Sector and other Undertakings.			
CC.1(2)—Coal India Limited . .	588.00	120.00	70.00
CC.1(3)—Singareni Collieries Company Limited	139.00	202.00	166.00

To meet the rapidly increasing demands of Coal, especially from the Power Sector, the Coal Companies are under an obligation to take up new Coal mining projects which require substantial investments. The internal resources of coal companies are limited due to accumulation of arears from Electricity Boards and other consumers, growing inventory of coal stocks due to mismatch with Railway evacuation arrangements and non-revision of administered prices in time. This makes it necessary for the Government to provide some budgetary support to the coal companies to enable them to make sufficient investment in new mining projects.

Budgetary Support is however declining year by year and in the case of Coal India Limited it is only 19% of the plan outlay for 1991-92 as compared to 98% in 1984-85.

Supply of poor quality coal to thermal power stations in Haryana

996. SHRI RAMJI LAL : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the quality of coal coming from coal distribution for thermal power stations and factories, has deteriorated after taking of its control by Government;